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SUBJECT: U.S.-JAPAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PANEL

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1. MOT HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED INFORMATION AND CLARIFICATIONS
CONTAINED REFTEL AND HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO CONVEY FOLLOWING COMMENTS
TO DOT:

(A) MOT APPRECIATES DOT AGREEMENT TO DEFER DISCUSSION OF TRANS-
PORTATION INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

(B) RE PARA 4 REFTEL, MOT REGRETFULLY WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL STRATEGIES AT JUNE MEETING
AND SUGGESTS THAT THIS ISSUE ALSO BE POSTPONED FOR DISCUSSION AT
A LATER DATE.

(C) MOT AGREES TO ADDITION OF ITEM ON URBAN GOODS MOVEMENT AS
SUGGESTED PARA 6 REFTEL, EXCEPT FOR DISCUSSION OF RESTRICTIONS
ON USE OF TOKYO EXPRESSWAYS BY TRUCKS AT CERTAIN HOURS. LATTER IS
PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY AND IT WOULD NOT BE
ABLE TO SEND A PARTICIPANT TO JUNE MEETING.

2. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, MOT PROPOSES FOLLOWING AGENDA:

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(A) ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

ENERGY SAVING IN TRANSPORTATION

(B) URBAN TRANSPORTATION

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF VISUAL INTRUSION (SIC) ON INTRODUCTION
OF PRT INTO URBAN AREAS

B-2 THE PROCESS OF PRT UTILIZATION

(C) PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION

C-1 PRESENT STATUS OF TRUCK TERMINALS IN AND AROUND MAJOR CITIES

C-2 TUBE EXPRESS (PIPELINE CONVEYANCE SYSTEM)

(D) RAIL

MAGNETIC LEVITATION

ANNEX (TECHNICAL SAFETY STANDARDS OF NEW TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS)

3. MOT EXPECTS THAT JAPANESE DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY
PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER. DELEGATION ALSO EXPECTED TO INCLUDE
COUNSELOR FROM OFFICE OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, MINISTER'S
SECRETARIAT, AS PANELIST FOR AGENDA ITEM (A), AND URBAN TRANS-
PORTATION POLICY PLANNING OFFICER AS PANELIST FOR AGENDA ITEM B-1.
(NOT WILL PROVIDE NAMES OF OFFICIALS AFTER DIET CLOSES ON JUNE 3.
ACCORDING TO SHINOHARA OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OFFICE,
INCUMBENTS THESE POSITIONS MAY BE REASSIGNED IN CUSTOMARY RE-
SHUFFLE OF HIGH-LEVEL BUREAUCRATS FOLLOWING DIET CLOSURE.)
PANELIST FOR ITEM B-2 WILL BE PROVIDED BY MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION.
MOT WILL TRY TO PROVIDE PANELISTS FOR ITEM (C), BUT IF THIS NOT
POSSIBLE, WILL SEND PAPERS WHICH ALREADY UNDER PREPARATION.
KYOTANI OF JNR AND HEAD OF JNR'S NEW YORK OFFICE WILL DISCUSS ITEM
(D).

4. FYI. TADAKUNI HIRANO, FORMERLY IN OVERSEAS DIV. OF MOT
SHIPPING BUREAU HAS BEEN NAMED CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
OFFICE, SUCCEEDING HAJIME KAWATE.
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